

## **Terms of reference and mandate of a Technical Committee on Road Safety**

### *Scope and achievements expected*

In line with the Road Safety Declaration endorsed on 25 April 2018 by the Transport Ministers and representatives of the South East European Parties meeting in Ljubljana, it is proposed to set up a dedicated Working Group (WG) on which shall assist the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) in all aspects related to **Road Safety** falling under the scope of the Transport Community.

For this purpose, the WG – with the support of the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community will be responsible to define action plan(s) for each of the regional partners based on the agreed measures listed in the Road Safety Declaration and in line with the objectives of the Transport Community.

This action plan will complement and reinforce - where necessary - the decisions taken at a national level. The Working Group will in particular focus on :

#### ***1 - Actions for strengthening road safety management and data collection***

#### ***2 - Actions to promote the protection of road users***

#### ***3 - Actions to promote the use of safer vehicles***

#### ***4 - Actions to promote safer infrastructure***

In order to comply with this last objective, the WG will also touch upon the question of the financing of actions aiming at improving the quality of the road infrastructure (road maintenance plans – road safety black spots removal).

### *Method of work*

The WG is established on the basis of Article 26 of the Transport Community Treaty. It shall consist of representatives of the Contracting Parties of the Transport Community and shall be chaired in turn over by a South East European Party in accordance with the arrangements to be laid down in its rules of procedures. The Permanent Secretariat of the TCT shall provide the necessary administrative support. The European Commission, represented by the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, is entitled to participate in the WG.

On a case by case basis, the WG may invite external experts and stakeholders to participate and/or contribute to its discussions and activities.

At its first meeting, the WG will adopt its rules of procedure, elect its chair, and adopt a work plan, clearly defining its objectives and activities, including a time schedule for their implementation.

The WG is expected to meet at least three times per year and to report to the RSC on a regular basis. The WG shall draw up a proposal on priority actions with a view to implement an effective road safety policy at regional level and submit it to the RSC by Q4 2019. The proposal shall contain monitoring procedures and follow-up activities.

The WG will coordinate its activities with those of the RSC and other technical committees.